

REMARKS

Claim 5 has been rejected under 112, second paragraph. Claim 6 has been amended.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Epars (U.S. Patent No. 4,700,096). The rejection is respectfully traversed, for the reasons presented in the earlier filed response, and for the following reasons.

The claimed invention requires two half-yokes of the two yokes are arranged alongside one another and are connected by end points to form a pole element, the pole element fixed on the rotor body, and the magnets are magnetized once the two half-yokes have been joined together to form a pole element. Rather, Epars shows a flange on the faces of the rotor body, in each instance (see, for example, col. 3, l. 36 ff). In this regard, all of the pole bodies of the rotor are connected with one another in the circumferential direction. In fact, the Examiner states, in the Office Action of June 28, 2002, that "Epars does not show the yokes to be connected to one another by end points."

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over *In re Thorpe*. The rejection is respectfully traversed for the same reasons presented with respect to claim 1 herein-above.

Claims 3 and 4 are allowable.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection

with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122010600. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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